

AMHERST SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES Jan 12, 2005

Present: Pat Church, Chair; Guilford Mooring, Superintendent; Marlene Barnett, Recycling Coordinator; Clare Bertrand, Janet Brown, Marianne Lorenzelli, Harvey Allen, Meg Vickery

1. Previous Minutes were not available. Minutes from the last two meetings will be reviewed at the next meeting.

2. Staff Changes. It was announced that Marlene is being moved to a full time position at the Bangs Center. There was no move to replace her, though there is money in the budget to continue to fund a part-time Recycling Coordinator. The Committee expressed its dismay over this, and Pat Church wanted it clear that she was disappointed not to be made aware of this earlier and wants it on the record that the position has slowly been eroded from a full-time position, to practically nothing.

Guilford said that the basic business of materials, agendas etc. will be handled by a staff person in the office and that Steve at the Transfer Station will handle the Hazardous Waste Days. Guilford is leaving for duty in Iraq soon and did not think the position could be filled quickly, especially as there are no benefits. Janet Brown thought of a friend who might be interested and will ask. The position can be filled if someone can be found quickly. Pat requested that we draft a letter of complaint to the Select Board pointing out the loss of the position and its ramifications for the Town.

Updates:

1. Marlene updated the committee on the status of two grants she had applied for. We were granted \$ 1636.00 from the MRF for education at UMASS and for the Recyclopedia. The business part of the grant was not funded. Part of the educational outreach could include public service announcements on the local student radio stations. The second grant was from the DEP to help with food composting program, but this was not granted.

2. Pat announced that the Hauler Regulations were approved by the Board of Health and were finally done.

3. Janet Brown will officially join the committee.

4. A second meeting will be held on January 24 to tie up loose ends with Marlene and hopefully welcome a new Recycling Coordinator.

Respectfully submitted, Meg Vickery, clerk pro tem